

#### **BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

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TO:

Summit County Board of Health

Scott Vargo

Jeff Huntley

FROM: Lori Dwyer

RE:

BOCC and BOH Joint Work Session of February 9, 2021

DATE:

February 9, 2021

#### Attendees:

Elected Officials (via conference phone): Elisabeth Lawrence, Tamara Pogue and Josh Blanchard – Commissioners

Jaime FitzSimons - Sheriff

Staff (via conference phone): Scott Vargo, County Manager; Jeff Huntley, County Attorney; Cameron Turpin, Assistant County Attorney; Bentley Henderson, Assistant County Manager; Sarah Vaine, Assistant County Manager; Marty Ferris, Finance Director; Amy Wineland, Public Health; Nicole Valentine, Director of Communications; Molly Boyd, Human Resources Director; Hannah Wynd, Environmental Health Specialist; April Paige, Executive Administrative Manager and Lori Dwyer, Administrative Assistant.

Guests (via phone): Ashley Kubiszyn, Blair McGary, Hal Vatcher, Peter Siegel, Libby Stanford, Joan Jardon, Peter Reeburgh, and others that did not sign in.

## I. Standing Agenda Items/Updates

#### a. Public Health Director Updates

# i. Local and Regional/State COVID Case and Hospitalization Statistics and Trends

Amy Wineland noted that Colorado's COVID-19 cases continue to drop, and so do hospitalizations. The new dial follows 7 days of cases instead of 14, and Summit County is in Level Orange. If Summit County stays in this level, 5 Star certified establishments can move to Level Yellow on Saturday.

## ii. Local Testing Statistics and Program Update

Ms. Wineland noted that the threshold for testing positivity is lower under the new dial, and testing demand is lower, so there is concern about making sure enough of the population gets tested. She noted that due to COVID-19 suppression efforts, the common cold is not circulating like it normally would and people should assume they have COVID-19 and get tested if they have symptoms. Summit County has had confirmed cases of two of the new COVID-19 variants.

#### iii. Vaccine Distribution Update

Ms. Wineland noted that Summit County will begin vaccinating those aged 65 and over, educators and childcare providers this week. There are nearly 3,000 people in this group and Summit County will not receive enough vaccine to vaccinate everyone at once. Other counties are now receiving more vaccine, to

make up for a lack of vaccine earlier, which will to make it more equitable. Educators and childcare workers should work with their directors or Human Resources to set up their appointments.

#### iv. Transmission Trends

Ms. Wineland noted that in contract tracing, staff is seeing people showing up to work while symptomatic. Commissioners and staff discussed local outbreaks, which the County reports on its website on Fridays.

### b. Communications Update and Discussion

Nicole Valentine noted that current messaging includes information about the new variants, encouraging community members to get tested, the "Think COVID Not Cold" campaign, messaging for the upcoming Spring Break, suggestions to minimize spread, updates to the State dial, and upcoming virtual Town Halls.

## II. Critical Topics Not Covered Above

## III. Open BOH/BOCC Discussion, As Needed

#### IV. Executive Session, As Needed

Dwyer, Deputy Clerk

Jeff Huntley and Scott Vargo requested an Executive Session to discuss confidential information related to Public Health Orders.

A motion was made by Commissioner Blanchard and seconded by Commissioner Pogue to discuss confidential information related to Public Health orders and the legal advice related thereto. The BOCC voted 3 to 0 to go into Executive Session per CRS 24-6-402 (4) (b)(c)(d) with special reference to 25-1-122. The motion was approved.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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Established 1861

abeth Lawrence, Chair

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